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AND PRODUCING A PARTICULATE

WATER-ABSORBENT RESIN



**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

Japanese Patent Publication JP-A-202187/1998 corresponds to EP 0855232 A.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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